

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claim 5 without prejudice to or disclaimer of its subject matter.

Please AMEND claims 1-4, and ADD claims 6 and 7, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~both-side~~ recording apparatus for recording on a recording medium by a recording head, said apparatus comprising:
a conveying roller provided upstream of said recording head to convey the recording medium;
a first both-side roller for inverting the recording medium, a first surface of which is recorded on by said recording head;
a second both-side roller provided downstream of said first both-side roller, to invert the recording medium, a first surface of which is recorded on by said recording head; and
a substantially linear conveyance path disposed between said first both-side roller and said second both-side roller, and extending from said conveying roller, including a sheet conveying roller, a recording unit and a sheet inversion unit, comprising:
a first sheet path extending from said sheet conveying roller through said sheet inversion unit and returning to said sheet conveying roller;
a second sheet path extending substantially linear at an upstream side of said sheet conveying roller;
wherein said first sheet path and said second sheet path commonly share a part therefor.

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a first conveying path returning from said first both-side roller is joined with a second conveying path returning from said second both-side roller upstream of said conveying roller ~~said second sheet path is so formed as to maintain a position of a recording medium in said recording unit, positioned adjacent to said sheet conveying roller.~~

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 2 ~~†~~, further comprising:

a movable flap provided between said conveying roller and said first both-side roller to switch ~~in said shared part of the sheet paths and serving to select said first sheet conveying path or~~ and ~~said second sheet conveying path.~~

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said movable flap is so biased by a spring as to ~~normally~~ guide the recording medium ~~into~~ to said first ~~sheet conveying path~~, and is retracted contrary to the biasing force of said spring when a the recording medium ~~of having a predetermined rigidity or higher passes~~ is conveyed, thereby guiding the recording medium to said second ~~sheet conveying~~ path.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (New) An apparatus according to claim 1, said apparatus further comprising:

an automatic sheet supplying portion, on which a plurality of the recording media is stacked, for conveying the recording medium one by one to said conveying roller.

7. (New) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recording head discharges ink to record on the recording medium.